

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple improper dependencies in order to place the application into better form prior to examination.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims have been amended as follows:

5. (Amended) The fuel cell separator as defined in [any one of claims 1 to 4]claim 1, which has a resistivity not higher than 20 mΩ·cm measured according to JIS H0602.

8. (Amended) A polymer electrolyte fuel cell consisting of a plurality of unit cells connected together, each unit cell consisting of a pair of electrodes holding a polymer electrolyte membrane between them and a pair of separators holding the electrodes between them, said separator having passages molded thereon through which gas is supplied and discharged, characterized in that all or part of the separators in the fuel cells are those which are defined in [any one of claims 1 to 5]claim 1.